

SPECIFICATION CHANGES

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~~Figure 1 is a~~ Figures 1A and 1B are flow chart charts of the present invention.

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Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference numerals refer to similar or identical parts throughout the several views, and more specifically to figures ~~[[1]]~~ 1A, 1B and 2 thereof, there is shown a switch 10 for transferring data. The switch 10 comprises at least one master unit 12. The switch 10 comprises a plurality of slave units 14. The switch 10 comprises a bus 16 through which the master unit 12 communicates with the slave units 14. The switch 10 comprises a memory 18 in communication with the master unit 12 having a software program 22 which causes the switch 10 to automatically recover when a slave unit 14 fails.

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Referring to ~~figure 1~~ figures 1A and 1B, the present invention pertains to a software program 22. The software program 22 comprises the steps of identifying a first slave unit 14 of a plurality of slave units 14 of a switch 10 has failed when the first slave unit 14 is attempted to be accessed by a master unit 12 of the switch 10. The software program 22 comprises the step of preventing a master unit 12 from attempting to access the failed first slave unit 14.

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Referring to ~~figure 1~~ figures 1A and 1B, numbers within this text refer to specific boxes in the flow ~~chart~~ charts of ~~figure 1~~ figures 1A and 1B describing the software program. The text is organized as a walkthrough of the ~~flowchart~~ flow charts.